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SUBJECT: CUTBACK IN DUTCH OIL REFINERY PRODUCTION

1. PRESS HAS REPORTED CUTBACK BY CERTAIN REFINERIES IN
NETHERLANDS AS RESULT MIDDLE EAST EMBARGO, AS FOLLOWS:

A) ESSO, WITH CAPACITY OF 325,000 BPD, HAS PRODUCED
OVER LAST TWO YEARS AT RATE OF 240,000 BPD AND IS NOW CUTTING
BACK TO 140,000; B) CHEVRON HAS ANNOUNCED 10 PERCENT CUT FROM CAPACITY

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OF 300,000 BPD; C) GULF ANNOUNCED SHUTDOWN OF ONE OF ITS TWO

CRUDE DISTILLATION UNITS TO CARRY OUT BIENNIAL MAJOR MAINTENANCE; D) SHELL ANNOUNCED 20 PERCENT REDUCTION FROM CAPACITY OF 520,000 BPD; E) BP ANNOUNCED 15 PERCENT REDUCTION FROM CAPACITY OF 500,000 BPD; F) MOBIL, WITH CAPACITY OF 130,000 BPD, ANNOUNCES NO CUT AT THIS TIME.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS. CHEVRON HAS ELECTED TO PROCESS AVAILABLE CRUDE AT 90 PERCENT CAPACITY UNTIL IT RUNS OUT, PROBABLY MID-DECEMBER, AND THEN CLOSE DOWN FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE OF WHOLE PLANT. THIS DECISION IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT SUPPLY SITUATION MAY BE CLARIFIED WHEN MAINTENANCE IS FINISHED SEVERAL WEEKS LATER. GULF WILL BE OPERATING AT ABOUT 30,000 BPD, WELL UNDER CAPACITY OF DISTILLATION UNIT KEPT IN OPERATION.

3. TOTAL PICTURE AT THIS TIME INDICATES THAT OUT OF AVAILABLE CAPACITY OF 1,875,000 BPD, ACTUAL PRODUCTION IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE WILL BE 1,460,000 BPD, OR ABOUT 78 PERCENT CAPACITY. THIS WILL DROP TO 1,200,000 BPD WHEN CHEVRON SHUTS DOWN, I.E. 64 PERCENT CAPACITY.
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